

creating a list of destinations for deliveries at a service center, the list including a threshold distance for one or more destination for which an alert should be generated;

downloading a portion of the list of destinations to a mobile unit installed in a delivery vehicle, the downloading being effectuated over a wireless network connection which links the mobile unit to the service center over a wide area network;

selecting a destination from the list as a next destination for a delivery vehicle;

monitoring distance between the delivery vehicle and the selected destination;

generating an alert from the delivery vehicle when the distance is less than a threshold distance;

receiving the alert at the service center; and

sending a message from the service center to the selected destination in response to the alert received at the service center.

16. (Twice Amended) A mobile unit comprising:

a location system;

a wireless device linking the mobile unit with a service center over a wireless network connection of a wide area network; and

a control circuit including a user interface, wherein (1) the control circuit receives a destination list from the service center over the wireless connection, (2) the user interface allows a user to edit the destination list received, and (3) the control

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circuit determines a current destination from the destination list, automatically activates the location system to determine a current location of the mobile unit, determines whether the mobile unit has crossed a threshold relating to the current destination, and activates the wireless device to send an alert signal if the mobile unit has crossed the threshold.

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